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## <u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:</u>

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21 as follows:

-- As a comparison of figures 6 and 7 will show, this peripheral zone normally adopts a radially outward position shown in figure 6, in which it presses tightly against the wall of the container 10, and can adopt a radially inward position shown in figure 7, into which it withdraws under the pressure of the injectable product as the latter passes between the piston 11 and the container 10, due to the pressure of the piston 11 on the product. In the position shown in figure 7, the piston 11 is spaced from, and not in contiguous contact with, the needle 4.--

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

- -- This device comprises:
- a body housing a hollow injection needle and a container containing the injectable product; the needle is connected to the body but able to move relative to the latter between an injection position and a retracted position;
- a plunger that slides in the body and is displaceable relative to the latter to perform the injection; said the container is able to move relative to the plunger between a position that enables the injection to be performed and a retracted position;

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- means an arrangement for keeping the needle and the plunger in injection position, which means arrangement can be released to free the needle and the plunger to move to said retracted position.

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